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SUBJECT: CRAWFORD CASE: DOBRYNIN INVITATION TO  
INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

REF: (A) STATE 200725, (B) MOSCOW 18895

1. BROOKS MCCORMICK HAS DIS-  
PATCHED TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO  
DOBRYNIN'S INVITATION (REF A) TO COME TO MOSCOW AND  
EXAMINE THE EVIDENCE IN THE CRAWFORD CASE. IN ADVISING  
MCCORMICK, WE HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE CONSIDERATIONS  
YOU SET OUT IN REF B. AS YOU WILL SEE, THE LETTER CASTS  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATION IN TERMS OF BRINGING THE  
AFFAIR TO A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION, AND RULES OUT  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST CRAWFORD. WE HAVE  
ALSO SUGGESTED TO INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER THE POTENTIAL  
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DESIRABILITY OF MAKING A PUBLIC STATEMENT IN DUE COURSE,  
AND OFFERED HELP IN PREPARING SUCH A STATEMENT. THEY  
WELCOMED SUCH ADVICE.

2. TEXT OF MCCORMICK RESPONSE TO DOBRYNIN FOLLOWS: BEGIN  
QUOTE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE WHICH MR. VASEV  
DELIVERED. I HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL THOUGHT TO THE INVITATION

YOU HAVE EXTENDED WITH RESPECT TO THE CHARGES AGAINST  
MR. CRAWFORD.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS AFFAIR BE PUT BEHIND US PROMPTLY.  
WHILE IT CONTINUES, SERIOUS HARM IS BEING DONE TO THE  
CLIMATE FOR GOOD TRADE AND BUSINESS RELATIONS. I NEED NOT  
TELL YOU HOW MUCH EFFORT WAS REQUIRED OVER A LONG PERIOD ON  
BOTH SIDES TO DEVELOP THE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CLIMATE  
WE HAD ACHIEVED, AND HOW PAINFUL IT IS TO CONTEMPLATE THE  
IRREPARABLE DAMAGE WHICH CAN RESULT FROM FURTHER PROTRAC-  
TION OF THIS MATTER.

IF A VISIT BY MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE WOULD HELP BRING  
THIS SITUATION TO A SWIFT AND SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION, THEN  
I AM PREPARED TO SEND SUCH A REPRESENTATIVE. IT WOULD BE  
NECESSARY, OF COURSE, TO HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT THE MISSION  
WOULD HAVE SUCH A RESULT, AND NOT THE CONTRARY EFFECT OF  
PROLONGING AND FURTHER AGGRAVATING THE MATTER.

I MUST TELL YOU IN ALL SERIOUSNESS THAT NO ALLEGED PROOF OF  
THE CHARGES AGAINST MR. CRAWFORD WILL SHAKE MY BELIEVE, THE  
BELIEF OF AMERICAN BUSINESS, AND POPULAR OPINION IN THE  
UNITED STATES GENERALLY, THAT HE IS INNOCENT AND THAT THE  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIM AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE  
BEING CONDUCTED ARISE FROM CONSIDERATIONS TOTALLY UNRE-  
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LATED TO MR. CRAWFORD OR TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SOVIET LAW.  
THEREFORE, THE VISIT OF MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE  
INTENDED PRIMARILY TO EXPLORE WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND TO  
AGREE UPON A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION TO THE MATTER.

I BELIEVE WHAT I HAVE SAID HERE IS CLEAR TO YOU AND THAT IT  
WAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE INVITATION YOU EXTENDED.  
THEREFORE, ON THIS BASIS, I PROPOSE TO DESIGNATE EARLY NEXT  
WEEK A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, TO BE ACCCOMPANIED BY AN  
AIDE, AND TO HAVE HIM APPROACH YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON  
FOR THE NECESSARY VISAS.

THANK YOU FOR THE COURTESY OF YOUR REPLY. END QUOTE.

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